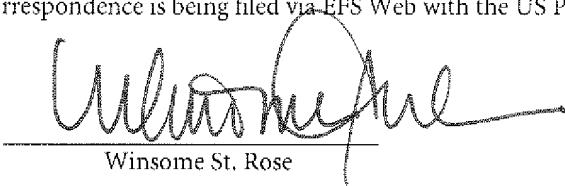


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Dear Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 07, 2007, Applicants request consideration and entry of the following amendments and remarks. This submission is accompanied by a request for a one-month extension of time. With the granting of the request, the deadline to respond to the Office Action is re-set to January 7, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2 of this paper.

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